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1. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM JAMES ELLINGBOE,
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION AND U.S. TEAM LEADER FOR SUBJECT
PROJECT, TO A. V. MAKAROV, CHIEF, FOREIGN RELATIONS DE-
PARTMENT, MINISTRY OF RECLAMATION AND WATER MANAGEMENT,
WITH COPY TO SOVIET SECRETARIAT.

2. DEAR MR. MAKAROV: I WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THROUGH OUR
EMBASSY IN MOSCOW THAT YOUR MINISTRY CAN RECEIVE OUR TEAM 1
DELEGATION ON PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT ON AUGUST 8.
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-- DRS. HARLEN MCKIM AND ALEX ISKANDANDER, BOTH OF WHOM

ARE SOIL SCIENTISTS WITH THE COLD REGIONS RESEARCH AND
ENGINEERING LABORATORY, CORPS OF ENGINEERS.

THE SCHEDULE PROPOSED IN YOUR MAY 31 LETTER TO MR. O'BRIEN
IS MOST HOSPITABLE AND WOULD ALLOW US TO SEE MUCH OF YOUR
COUNTRY. WE, HOWEVER, FEEL THAT ON THIS TRIP WE SHOULD

CONCENTRATE ON THE IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION WITH SOVIET SCIEN-
TISTS. TRAVEL SHOULD BE LIMITED TO THAT NECESSARY FOR A
CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE SOVIET LAND TREATMENT PROGRAM.
WE ARE CONSIDERING BRINGING SOME SMALL PORTABLE WATER
QUALITY TESTING DEVICES IF THIS IS ACCEPTABLE.

A THREE MEMBER SOVIET TEAM TO THE U.S. WILL BE ACCEPTABLE.
WE WILL PROVIDE A PROPOSED DATE FOR YOUR TEAM VISIT IN
THE NEAR FUTURE.

ONE ITEM INCLUDED IN THE DECEMBER 1975 PROTOCOL WAS THE
SOVIET AGREEMENT TO CONSIDER CONSTRUCTION OF AN OVERLAND
TREATMENT PROJECT IN THE SOVIET UNION SIMILAR TO THE ONE
IN UTICA, MISSISSIPPI. HAVE YOU REACHED A DECISION ON
THIS PROJECT?

WITH BEST WISHES, JAMES ELLINGBOE. ROBINSON

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